states from the Central Sheep Breeding Farm, Hissar.

iv) Under Special Livestock Breeding programme rams and ewes are proposed to be distributed to beneficiaries in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu and Uttar Pradesh.

Export of Iron ore from Kudremukh

4566. SHRI C.P. MUDALAGIRIYAPPA:
SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of iron ore exported from Kudremukh, Karnataka, during 1990;

(b) the countries to which it was exported;

(c) whether there is any proposal to export iron ore from Kudremukh to some more countries during 1991-92; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b). During the Financial Year 1990-91, KIOCL exported 3.906 million tonnes of iron ore concentrates and 1.836 million tonnes of iron oxide pellets. Export destinations were Japan, Bahrain, Czechoslovakia, Iran, China, Hungary, Turkey, Australia, Indonesia, Egypt and Qatar, besides supplies to Essar Steel (India).

(c) and (d). During 1991-92, KIOCL has targeted to export 4 million tonnes of iron ore concentrates and 2.25 million tonnes of iron ore pellets. Amongst others KIOCL has entered into contracts for supply of 0.15 million tonnes of pellets to Taiwan and 0.06 million tonnes with Malaysia during the current year. KIOCL also continues its efforts to explore new markets for its products.

[*Translation*]

Milch Cattle Population

4567. SHRI ARJUN SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of milch cattle in the country, state-wise;

(b) whether their population is declining rapidly in the country;

(c) if so, the schemes launched by the Government to increase their population; and

(d) the progress made so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) A statement showing the State-wise number of milch cattle is given in the Annex.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d). Do not arise.

STATEMENT

Statewise Number of Milch Cattle in India*

(in thousands)

	State	*Cattle*
1.	Andhra Pradesh	2738
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	77
3.	Assam	1962
4.	Bihar **	4067
5.	Goa	26
6.	Gujarat	941
7.	Haryana	603
8.	Himachal Pradesh @	622
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	851
10.	Karnataka	3247
11.	Kerala	1497
12.	Madhya Pradesh	8548
13.	Maharashtra	5164
14.	Manipur	154
15.	Meghalaya	147
16.	Mizoram	17
17.	Nagaland	58
18.	Orissa	3888
19.	Punjab	1003
20.	Rajasthan	3986

(in thousands)

	State	*Cattle*
21	Sikkim	45
22.	Tamil Nadu	2810
23.	Tripura	247
24.	Uttar Pradesh	6159
25.	West Bengal	4390.

Source:- Latest Livestock Census 1987 All figures are provisional.

* Milch Cattle are those 'in milk' and 'dry'

** Livestock Census 1987 was not conducted; the figures given are for 1982.

@ Livestock Census 1987 was not conducted; estimated figures have been provided by the State Government.

[*English*]

Prime Minister's visit to France

4568. SHRI RABI RAY:
SHRIMATI BASAVARAJESWARI:
SHRI B.N. REDDY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister visited France recently;

(b) if so, the outcome of the talks held with the leaders of that country?

(c) whether the Government Delegation held talks with the French counterpart regarding prospective french investments in India; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and their response in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Yes, Sir, the Prime Minister visited Paris on November 25-26, 1991.

(b) During the Prime Minister's talks with President Mitterrand, the two leaders agreed to strengthen bilateral relations in all fields.

(c) and (d). In their meetings with Prime Minister on 25th November, leading French industrialists and businessmen welcomed the Government's new liberalised economic policies and expressed their interest and willingness to increase their investments in India.

[*Translation*]

Import of Palmolein

4569. SHRI BHAGWAN SHANKAR RAWAT: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state: